Local Boards.

Clerical appointments in the union and taluk boards.

* 2391 *Q.*—Mr. A. Chidambara Nadar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rules under the Madras Local Boards Act relating to the appointment of clerks were framed with due regard to the present minimum pay of clerks in the service; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that under the present system of salary for clerks almost all the clerical appointments in the union and taluk boards have to be made with the approval of the president of the district board?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to the rules issued under G.O. No. 1926, L. & M., dated the 31st August 1923. The rules were framed with reference to the scales of salary prevailing in 1923.

(*b*) Each local board can sanction its own scale of pay for its establishment. If it sanctions a scale corresponding to the Government minimum time-scale, then the President, District Board's approval is required for clerical appointments.

Concessions to Adi-Dravida boys in the Board High School, Tiruchengode.

* 2392 *Q.*—Mr. R. Veerian: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the following Adi-Dravida boys who are reading in the Board High School, Tiruchengode, Salem district, are paying school-fees though they are poor and applied for remission of school-fees;

(*b*) what amount of fees they pay—

A. Sundaram, III Form,
A. Arunachalam, III Form,
S. Muttuswami, II Form,
Kuppuswami, I Form,
S. Natesan, V Form;

(*c*) how many non-depressed classes are given school-fee concession, whether half or full; and

(*d*) why no remission of school-fee is given in the case of Adi-Dravida boys according to rule 92?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A report has been called for from the President, District Board, Salem, on a communication received from the hon. Member on the subject.

Mr. R. Veerian:—"May I know whether it is not obligatory on the part of the President of the Salem District Board to give concession of school-fee?"